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VIETNAMESE SUMMARY SUPPLEMENT
(Information as of 1100 EDT)

1. Madame Nhu is in Washington today and will appear before the Women's National Press Club. She has no appointments with US officials, and said in a New York television interview, taped yesterday morning for showing Thursday night (WOR-TV Channel 9, 2130) that she was "hurt" by the administration's cool reception. Previously she had repeatedly taken the line that because she was a "controversial person" she would make no attempt to see administration officials.

2. She told her hosts at Princeton yesterday, at a reception on her arrival, that "they showed bad manners--very bad manners--at Harvard." She said she did not object to the actions of pickets in the street, but expected audiences to respect a lecturer. "At Harvard, it was the organizing committee. Either Harvard must change or the youth must be warned."

3. Leaving the reception, she was greeted by a chorus of boos from onlookers and picketed by five naturalized Slavic Buddhist priests and about 30-50 student pickets of the "New Liberal Forum." She looked annoyed. Arriving for her evening speech, she was greeted by a barrage of ice-cream cartons filled with eggs and rocks, which hit the car. The audience alternately cheered and booed her speech. The loudest cheers came when she was asked her reaction to American college students and replied: "I was young once myself." Later, in Washington, she called the Princeton demonstration outside the lecture hall "unworthy of human beings."

4. Before leaving New York Tuesday, Mme. Nhu had a half-hour talk, at her invitation, with the parents and sister of a US Army lieutenant captured and executed by Viet Cong guerrillas on 6 May. The father said the visit was devoted to Mme. Nhu's condolences.

5. The secretary of Mme. Nhu's father, former ambassador Trân Van Chuong, said yesterday that Chuong "has decided he won't see" his daughter while she is in Washington.